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SUBJ: ALLEGED HAITIAN PLANS TO BUY \$59 MILLION CEMENT PLANT

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IT IS UNLIKELY THAT HAITI WILL BUY A \$50 MILLION CEMENT PLANT FROM TAIWAN AS RECENTLY RUMORED. HAITI ALREADY HAS A CEMENT PLANT ALTHOUGH IT IS PLAGUED BY POOR MANAGEMENT, LACK OF QUALITY CONTROL, AND TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. PLANT CAPACITY IS ADEQUATE FOR DOMESTIC NEEDS. SCHEMES TO BUILD A NEW PLANT SURFACE EVERY FEW MONTHS. ALL ARE BASED ON THE IMPROBABLY PREMISE THAT MOST OF THE CEMENT COULD BE EXPORTED. DOMESTIC DEMAND IS SPOTTY AND WOULD NOT SUPPORT THE INVESTMENT. HAITI DOES NOT HAVE \$50 MILLION AS FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES CURRENTLY AMOUNT TO LESS THAN \$10 MILLION. FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WOULD NOT FINANCE A CEMENT PLANT. THE NATIONAL BANK WOULD BLOCK THE SCHEME WERE IT TO GET BEYOND THE DISCUSSION STAGE.
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